

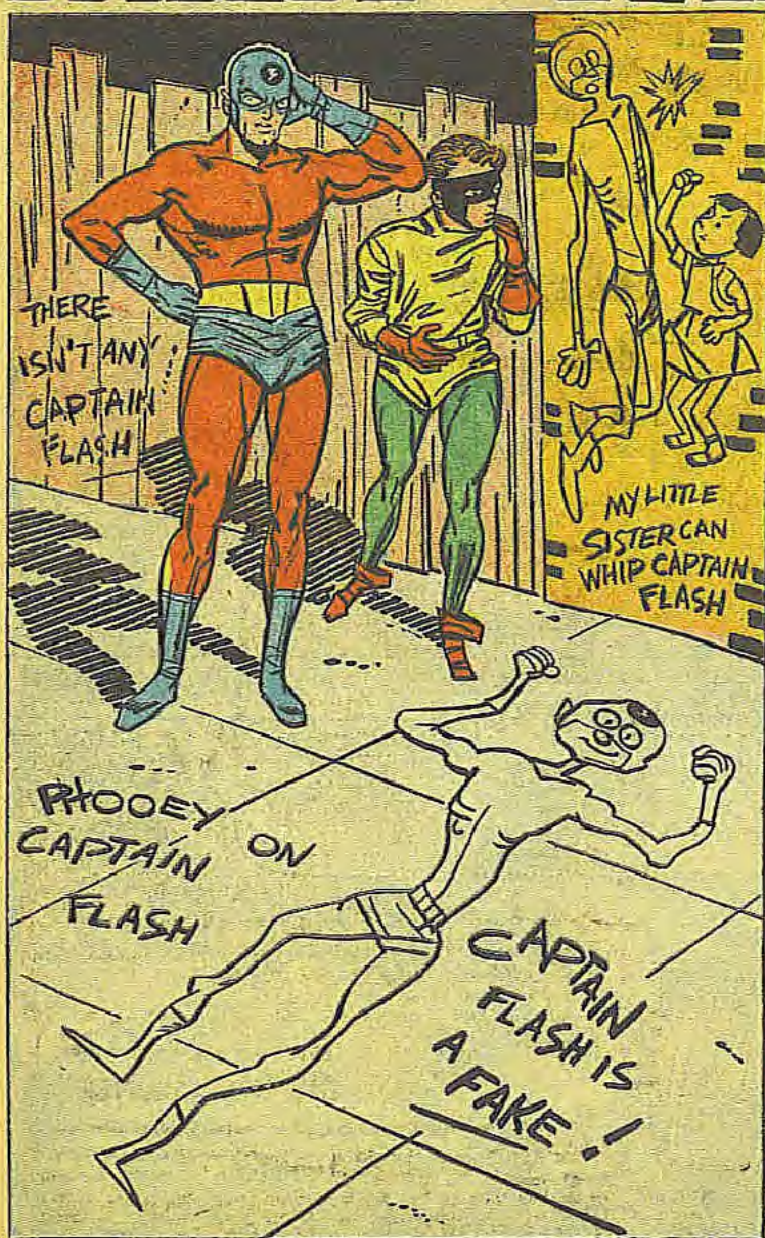


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CAPTAIN FLASH!

Is there really a Captain Flash? Can one man do so many things? Or is Captain Flash a myth?... a figment of the Police Department's imagination to cow criminals and those who would break the Law? Of course, those who have crossed his path know he's anything but a myth! But when a group of boys begin to doubt his identity, then the mighty Atomic man, who is really Professor Keith Spencer has to find the answer of...

MAN OR MYTH?



ONE DAY, IN RICKY'S CLASS AT ATOM CITY...





THE FOLLOWING DAY AS THE PROFESSOR AND RICKY TAKE A WALK...



HMM...
NOT
VERY
FLAT-
TERING!

IT'S THE STATUE
THEY ERECTED
IN CAPTAIN
FLASH'S HONOR
WHEN HE
SAVED THE LAB
FROM THE
MIRROR MAN!



I GUESS THE
ONLY THING TO
DO IS VISIT
THE BOYS
AS CAPTAIN
FLASH!

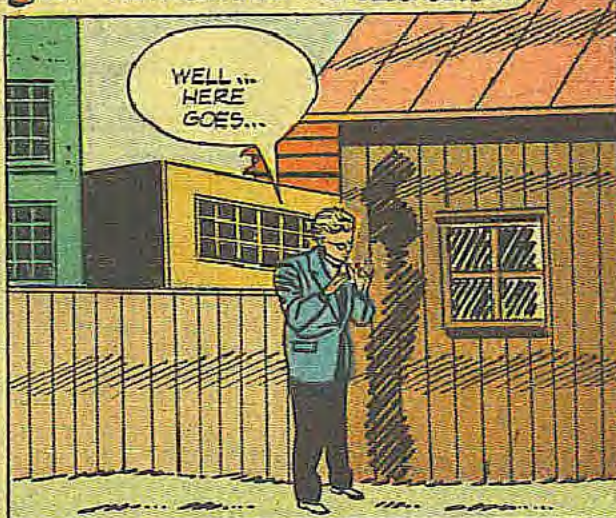
GREAT!
THEY'RE
HOLDING A
CLUB
MEETING
THIS
AFTERNOON!



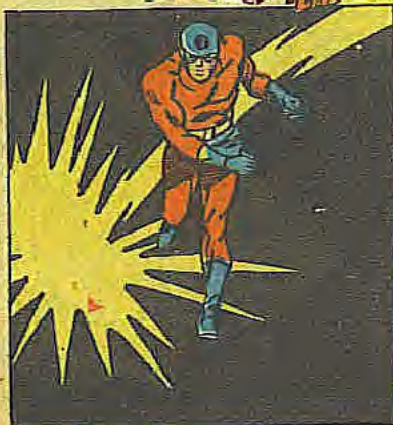
LATER THAT AFTERNOON...



JUST THEN...OUTSIDE THE CLUBHOUSE...



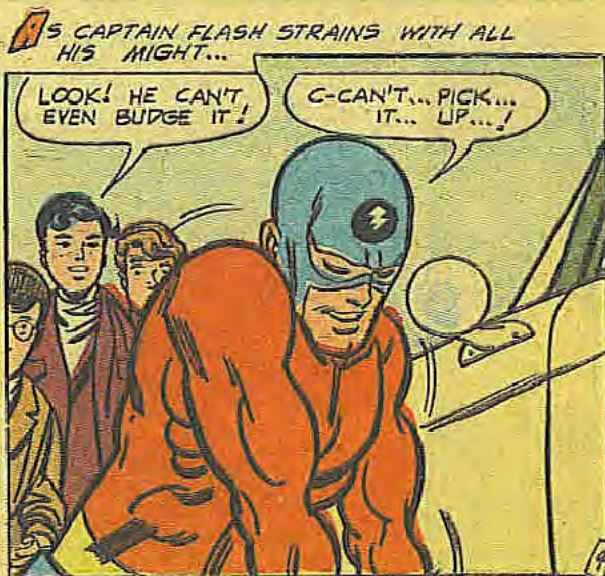
BY CLAPPING HIS HANDS, THE PROFESSOR SETS OFF AN ATOMIC BLAST WITHIN HIMSELF, CHANGING HIMSELF INTO THE INVINCIBLE **CAPTAIN FLASH!**



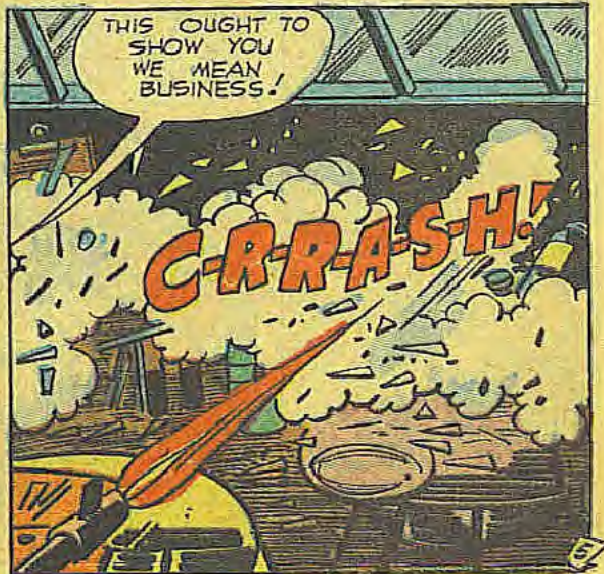
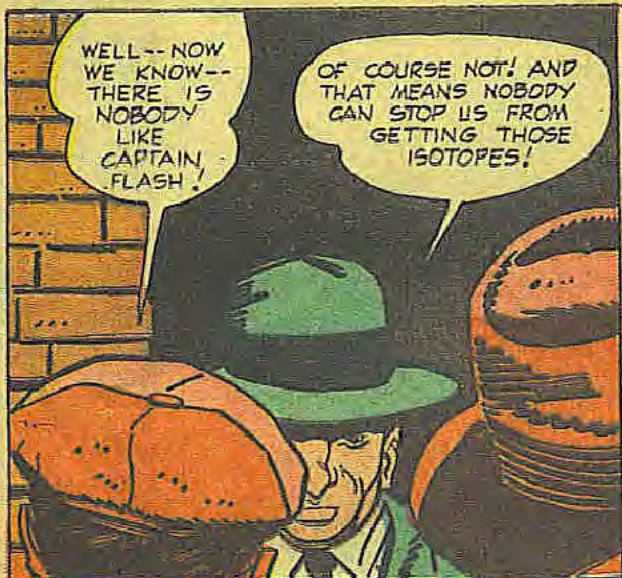
HI, FELLAS!
MIND IF I
COME IN?

LOOK! IT IS
CAPTAIN
FLASH!



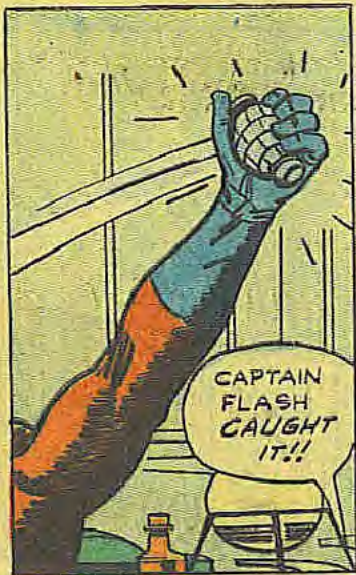


MEANWHILE, A GROUP OF HARD LOOKING MEN WATCH A SHORT DISTANCE AWAY...



THE SOUND REACHES THE SUPER-SENSITIVE EARS OF CAPTAIN FLASH...





ACTING WITH SPLIT-SECOND SPEED, THE MIGHTY ATOM MAN CUSHIONS THE EXPLOSION WITH HIS POWERFUL BODY...



THE MOTORS OF THE HELICOPTER ARE REWED UP TO MAXIMUM, BUT NOTHING HAPPENS...



FLEXING HIS MIGHTY MUSCLES, CAPTAIN FLASH FLINGS THE HELICOPTER INTO A CRUMPLED HEAP...



HERE'S THE ISOTOPE SUPPLY--SAFE AND SOUND!

WELL--WHAT DO YOU SAY--IS THERE A CAPTAIN FLASH?

IF I DIDN'T SEE IT WITH MY OWN EYES--



AFTER THE POLICE HAVE TAKEN THE CRIMINALS TO JAIL...

I WAS WRONG AND I'M GLAD I WAS, CAPTAIN FLASH! IF I EVER HEAR ANYBODY SAY YOU'RE A PHONEY, I FEEL SORRY FOR THEM!

THANKS, JIMMY!





The BIG 3

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AT YOUR
FAVORITE
NEWSSTAND



LOOK FOR
THESE
HARD HITTING
PARTNERS
for
**MORE READING
PLEASURE!!**

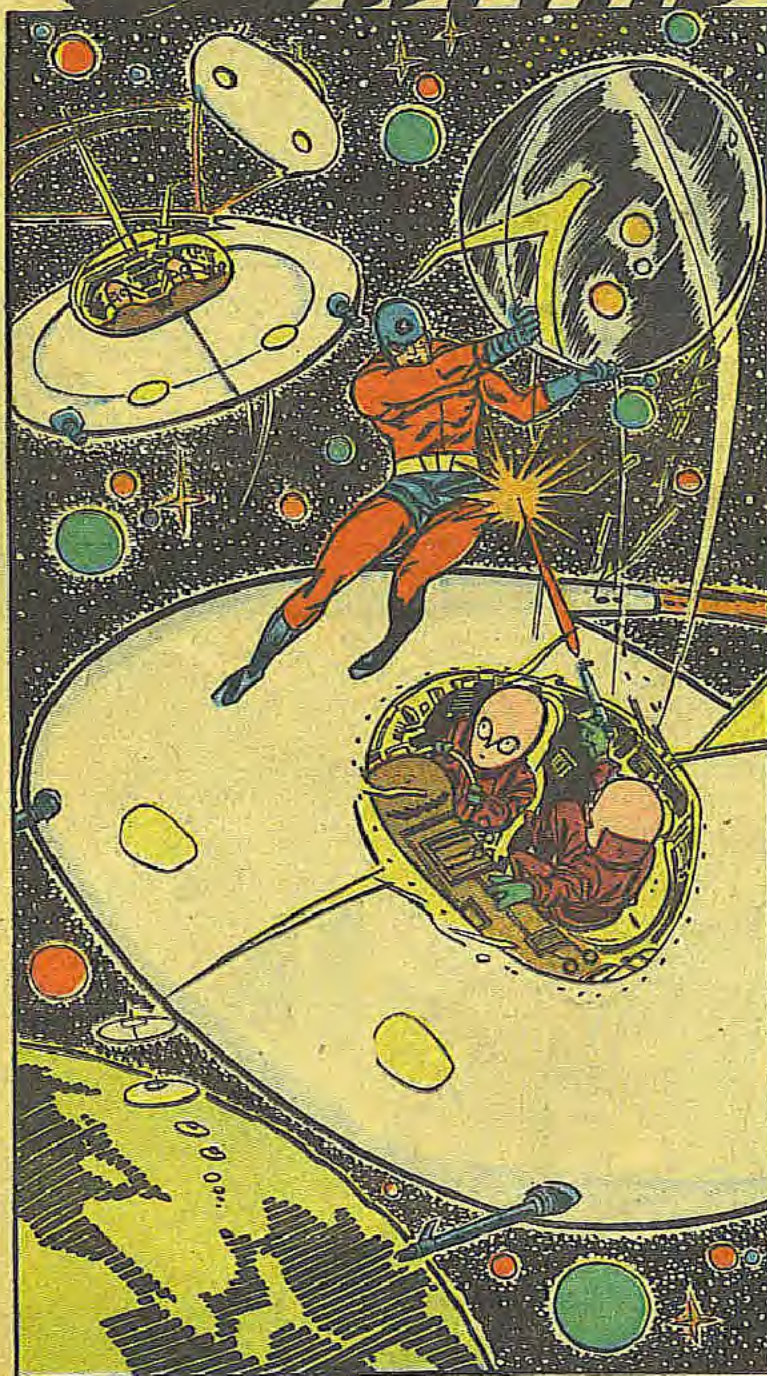
The MAGAZINES THAT GO ALL OUT
IN **ACTION! THRILLS! EXCITEMENT!**

CAPTAIN FLASH

The

INVADERS!

From out of space come strange creatures to threaten the earth! And once again the daring two-fisted, invincible CAPTAIN FLASH, who is really Prof. Keith Spencer, goes forth to meet the challenge to save mankind from the menace of...



IT'S 11 P.M. AND THE EMPLOYEES AT THE ATOM CITY LABORATORIES, WHO HAVE BEEN WORKING OVERTIME, ARE THROUGH FOR THE NIGHT. KEITH SPENCER AND RICKY DAVIS ARE LEAVING WITH THEM WHEN THE BLAST OCCURS...

GREAT SCOTT, KEITH, WHAT DO YOU SUPPOSE COULD HAVE BLOWN UP OUT THERE ON THE DESSERT?

I DON'T KNOW, BUT I'M GOING TO TRY TO FIND OUT! COME ON --- I'LL DRIVE OUT THERE IN MY CAR!



SOON... WE'LL KNOW MORE ABOUT THAT AFTER WE'VE GONE DOWN FOR A LOOK!



WHEN KEITH AND RICKY REACHED THE CRATER, THEY FOUND AN OLD SOURDOUGH THERE AHEAD OF THEM...



DID YOU SEE WHAT WAS COMING BACK FROM MY HIT HERE, MISTER?

SURE DID! I WAS JUST COMING BACK FROM MY URANIUM PROSPECTIN' WHEN I SEE THIS BIG THING...IT WAS FLAT LIKE A PIE PLATE...CAME DOWN ABOUT A HUNDRED MILES A SECOND...IT WAS ALL LIT UP, AND...

HERE WE GO AGAIN... THE OLD MAN SAYS HE SAW A FLYING SAUCER!



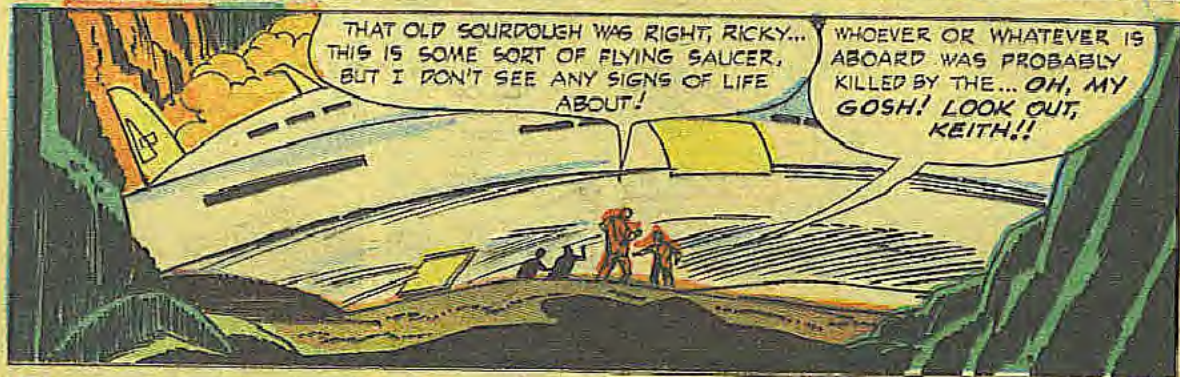
NO I DIDN'T! NEITHER! I DON'T KNOW NOTHIN' ABOUT NO FLYIN' SAUCER...I ONLY KNOW WHAT I SEEN!

LET'S GO DOWN THERE, RICKY!

WE MUST BE DOWN A HUNDRED FEET, KEITH! I'M BEGINNING TO FEEL A LOT OF PRESSURE ON MY EARDRUMS!



I DON'T THINK WE'VE GOT MUCH FURTHER TO GO, RICKY! I SEE SOMETHING!



THAT OLD SOURDOUGH WAS RIGHT, RICKY... THIS IS SOME SORT OF FLYING SAUCER, BUT I DON'T SEE ANY SIGNS OF LIFE ABOUT!

WHOEVER OR WHATEVER IS ABOARD WAS PROBABLY KILLED BY THE... OH, MY GOSH! LOOK OUT, KEITH!!

BEFORE KEITH SPENCER CAN CLAP HIS HANDS AND BRING ABOUT THE ATOMIC CHARGE THAT WOULD CHANGE HIM INTO THE MIGHTY CAPTAIN FLASH...



TRY, KEITH, TRY!

I CAN'T! THEY ARE DUPLICATES OF MYSELF! RICKY... BEHIND YOU!

OUTNUMBERED, THEIR STRUGGLE AGAINST THE STRANGE INVADERS PROVED USELESS. KEITH AND RICKY ARE SOON PRISONERS ABOARD THE FLYING SAUCER...

THEY'VE CHANGED THEIR APPEARANCE, KEITH! WHAT DO THEY WANT WITH US?

I'M NOT SURE, BUT FROM THE LOOKS OF THESE CREATURES I'D SAY THEY'RE FROM OUT OF THIS WORLD... AND THAT'S PROBABLY WHERE THEY'RE TAKING US!



SUDDENLY, THE FLYING SAUCER RISES WITH SUCH TREMENDOUS SPEED THAT IT IS INVISIBLE TO THOSE GATHERED AT THE CRATER'S EDGE...

WHAT'S THAT? I FEEL A HOT WIND!

THE COOL DESERT AIR HITTING THAT WHITE HOT METEORITE HAS CAUSED A BACK-BLAST! WE'LL NEVER SEE KEITH SPENCER OR RICKY DAVIS AGAIN!



WHOOSH!

STREAKING THROUGH SPACE AT 6,000 MILES A SECOND, THE FLYING SAUCER REACHES THE MOON IN A SHORT TIME...



WE'LL BE BLOWN TO BITS WHEN WE HIT, KEITH!

NO, YOU ARE TOO VALUABLE TO LOSE THAT WAY! WE'LL SWERVE AROUND THE MOON IN A FEW MINUTES!



HEAR THAT, KEITH? NOT ONLY CAN THEY MAKE THEMSELVES LOOK LIKE US... THIS LITTLE GUY SPEAKS ENGLISH... AND WITH MY VOICE!

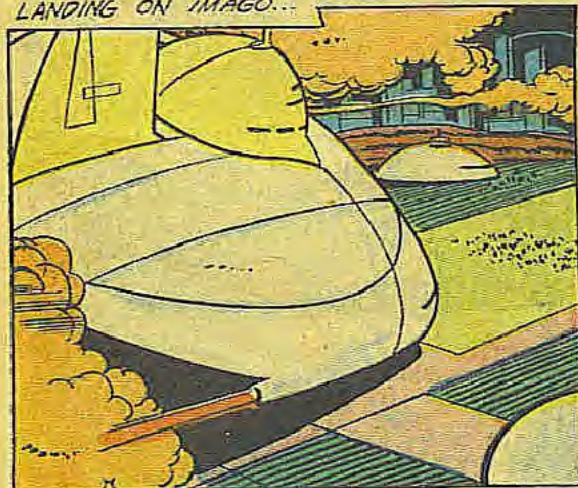
WOULD YOU MIND LETTING US KNOW WHAT THIS IS ALL ABOUT?

I'LL TELL YOU THIS MUCH. WE ARE FROM IMAGO, AN ORBITLESS PLANET! WE CAN CONTROL OUR DIRECTION AND NOW WE'VE CONCEALED OURSELVES BEHIND THE MOON!



YOU MEAN YOU'RE HIDING... WAITING TO SNEAK UP ON THE EARTH? BUT WHY? WHY NOT BE OUR FRIENDS?

KEITH SPENCER'S QUESTIONS GO UNANSWERED AS THE FLYING SAUCER SLOWS FOR A LANDING ON IMAGO...



SOON...

THIS WOULD BE A GOOD TIME FOR CAPTAIN FLASH TO PUT IN HIS APPEARANCE! WE COULD GET BACK INTO THAT SAUCER AND...

NOT YET, RICK! EVEN IF WE GET AWAY, THE EARTH WILL STILL BE IN DANGER! I WANT TO FIND OUT WHAT THE PEOPLE OF IMAGO ARE UP TO!



WE APPROACH MIRAGO, LORD OF ALL IMAGONS! YOU WILL BOTH PROSTRATE YOURSELVES AT HIS FEET AND DO NOT RISE UNTIL HE SPEAKS!

FRIEND, YOU BROUGHT THE WRONG PEOPLE TO YOUR SHABBY LITTLE PLANET! AMERICANS WON'T LIE DOWN BEFORE ANY MAN... HERE OR ON EARTH!

SO YOU'RE MIRAGO! THE LITTLE MAN WHO PLANS TO TAKE OVER THE EARTH! I DON'T THINK YOU'LL SUCCEED!

AH, BUT WE MUST SUCCEED... OR PERISH! IMAGO WAS ONCE A THRIVING PLANET UNTIL THE SUN LOST ITS GRAVITATIONAL HOLD ON US! IMAGO SLOWLY HAS BEEN TURNING BACK INTO THE GASEOUS STATE OF 10,000,000 YEARS AGO... A POWDER KEG FLOATING THROUGH THE UNIVERSE!



POWDER
KEG?

EXACTLY! ONE TINY SPARK
AND IMAGO MIGHT BE
ATOMIZED! IT'LL BE THE
END OF THE MIRAGO
DYNASTY! MY ANCESTORS
HAVE RULED FOR 2,000,000
YEARS...AND IF I CANNOT
HAVE THIS PLANET,
THEN I'LL TAKE OVER
ANOTHER!

AND WITH YOUR ABILITY TO LOOK
AND SOUND LIKE EARTH MEN,
YOU'LL INVADE OUR PLANET,
POSE AS WORLD LEADERS
AND SOW DISTRUST AND
HATE AMONG US UNTIL
OUR PEOPLE
DESTROY
EACH
OTHER!

PRECISELY!
THAT'S WHY WE
NEEDED YOU TWO
EARTHLINGS-- TO
IMAGE OURSELVES
BY! IN A YEAR,
MIRAGO WILL
RULE A NEW
PLANET--
EARTH!



KEITH SPENCER
AT LAST BRINGS
HIS HANDS TO-
GETHER, STARTING
THE ATOMIC EX-
PLOSION WITHIN
HIMSELF, THAT WILL
CHANGE HIM INTO...

...THE MIGHTY MAN OF RADIA-
TION, CAPTAIN FLASH!



BUT LORD MIRAGO REACTS SWIFTLY! HE BARKS
A COMMAND...

CAPTAIN FLASH--
I CAN'T TELL
WHICH ONE IS
YOU!

THEY SHOULD HAVE
PRINTED
SCORECARDS!



I GET YOU...WE'LL TALK
A LINGO ONLY WE
KNOW...BASEBALL!
AND THE ONE WHO
ANSWERS FIRST
IS EITHER YOU
OR ME!

RIGHT, RICKY!
WHAT DO YOU
THINK OF THE
BRAVES' CHANCES
THIS YEAR?



CAPTAIN FLASH MAKES A SUDDEN DISCOVERY...

RICKY, THE HOME
TEAM PLAYERS LOOK
LIKE US EXCEPT
FOR ONE THING...
THE PALMS OF
THEIR HANDS
ARE GREEN!

SO I SEE! I THINK
THE YANKS STAND
A GOOD CHANCE IF
WE TRY A DOUBLE
STEAL FOR THE
PLATE! HOW
ABOUT A
HIT-AND-RUN
PLAY?



THE BASEBALL PATTERN BEWILDERS THE IMAGIONS AND
CAPTAIN FLASH CATCHES THEM COMPLETELY OFF GUARD.

WHAT'S
THE
SCORE,
RICKY?

I HAVE TO USE FOOTBALL TACTICS!
THE OPPOSITION WON'T STICK TO
BASEBALL RULES! I HOPE YOU'RE
HEADED FOR THE PLATE,
CAPTAIN FLASH!



CAPTAIN FLASH KNOWS THAT RICKY'S "MOVE PLATE" MEANS THE HANGAR WHERE THE IMAGION FLYING SAUCERS ARE KEPT...



GET INTO THAT SAUCER, RICKY! I'M GOING TO PUT THESE OTHERS OUT OF COMMISSION SO THEY CAN'T FOLLOW US!

MAKE IT FAST! THEY'RE COMING!

THIRTY SECONDS LATER...

THE SECOND IMAGION SAUCER ZOOMS UP TO INTERCEPT THE EARTH-MEN. A FIERCE DUEL BEGINS...

A "NICE BOLT" STREAKS INTO THE SAUCER AND FLASH, SHOVING RICKY OUT OF HARM'S WAY, TAKES THE BOLT!

WE MADE IT, CAPTAIN FLASH!

NOT YET, RICKY! I FORGOT THAT SAUCER ON THE LANDING FIELD... THE ONE WE CAME IN! IT'S TAKING OFF-- WE'RE IN FOR A BATTLE!

I LEARNED TO FLY THIS BY WATCHING...BUT IF THERE ARE ANY WEAPONS ABOARD, I'M STYMIED--WOULDN'T KNOW HOW TO USE THEM!

WE CAN'T JUST SIT HERE LIKE SETTING PLUCKS!

WOW! IF THAT THING HIT ME, I'D BE DONE FOR!

THEY WON'T GET ANOTHER CHANCE TO DO THAT! I'M GOING TO RAM THEM, RICKY!

CAPTAIN FLASH'S SAUCER PASSES BENEATH THE ENEMY'S, THEN SHOOT'S UPWARD WITH FULL FORCE!

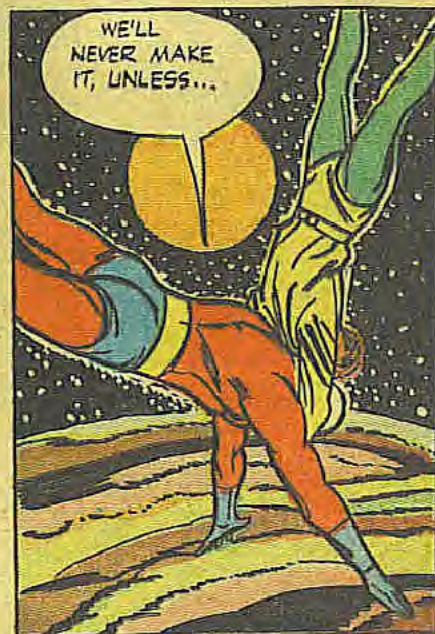
AND AS THEY HURL EARTHWARD...



HANG ON, RICKY! WE'RE NOT FAR FROM EARTH!



THAT'S THE END OF OUR PLAYMATES!



WE'LL NEVER MAKE IT, UNLESS...

CAPTAIN FLASH AGAIN, WITH A CLAP OF HIS HANDS, RENEWS THE ATOMIC IMPULSE IN HIMSELF BEFORE THEY LAND.



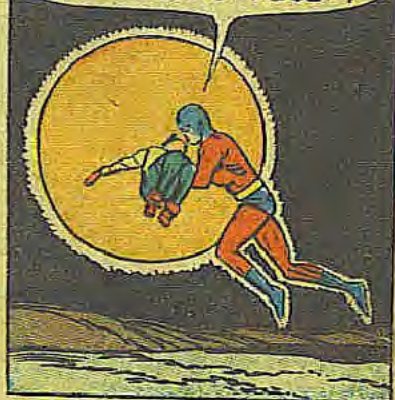
DOWN, DOWN THEY GO... BUT THE BLAST CUSHIONS THEIR FALL BY CREATING AN UP-DRAFT...



RICKY... ARE YOU ALL RIGHT? I... I GUESS, SO, CAPTAIN FLASH! BUT I'M HUNGRY, THIRSTY...!



I'LL HAVE YOU BACK IN ATOM CITY IN A FEW MINUTES, RICKY... AND AFTER WE'VE HAD FOOD AND DRINK, WE'RE GOING BACK TO THAT CRATER - AND MAKE SURE NO OTHER IMAGIONS ARE LURKING ABOUT!



LATER... AFTER CAPTAIN FLASH HAS TURNED BACK INTO KEITH SPENCER...

YOU'RE SURE NO ONE ELSE CAME OUT OF THE CRATER?

THERE'S BEEN A CROWD SINCE YOU WENT DOWN THERE... AND WE DIDN'T EVEN SEE YOU COME UP, PROFESSOR! BUT SINCE YOU'RE HERE AND SAFE, I GUESS WE'LL LEAVE!



AND SO SATISFIED THAT NONE OF THE IMAGIONS ARE LEFT ON EARTH, KEITH AND RICKY LEAVE WITH THE CROWD! THE NEXT DAY, AT ATOM CITY CITY HALL...



THAT'S THE STORY EXACTLY AS IT WAS TOLD TO ME BY CAPTAIN FLASH. MAYOR DALTON!

IMAGIONS! CREATURES FROM ANOTHER WORLD WHO CAN TALK AND LOOK LIKE ANY HUMAN. ONLY THE PALMS OF THEIR HANDS ARE GREEN! OH, COME PROFESSOR KEITH, SURELY YOU DON'T BELIEVE SUCH NONSENSE!



IT'S NOT NONSENSE... I HAPPEN TO KNOW EVERY WORD OF IT IS THE TRUTH BECAUSE I... ER... CAPTAIN FLASH NEVER LIES!

WELL, LET'S NOT ARGUE! PLEASE THANK CAPTAIN FLASH FOR SAVING US FROM INTERPLANETARY INVASION!

I DON'T THINK MAYOR DALTON IS AT ALL CONVINCED THAT THE EARTH WAS IN DANGER, RICKY!

WHAT DIFFERENCE DOES IT MAKE! THE DANGER IS PAST NOW, ISN'T IT?



BUT WE KNOW BETTER! CAN THE IMAGIONS REALLY TAKE OVER THE EARTH? WATCH FOR THE NEXT THRILLING ISSUE OF CAPTAIN FLASH!

THE END

TOMBOY

in
**OUTSIDE
THE LAW!**

Countless are the people TOMBOY has befriended. People caught in the greedy net of criminal extortion, their lives threatened by merciless gunmen! But there was one human being she never expected to find on the opposite side of the fence... someone who made her heartsick when she learned that the new criminal she had to battle was... **HER OWN FATHER!**

**WANTED BY THE
POLICE.**



LT. CHARLES JACKSON

**POLICE OFFICIAL FINGERED
BY GAMBLING SYNDICATE
JACKSON DISAPPEARS
CITY WIDE HUNT ON FOR IM-
PLICATED POLICE LIEUTENANT**



ONE AFTERNOON, AS JANIE JACKSON WAS WALKING HOME FROM SCHOOL...

**DON'T YOU SAY
ANYTHING TO ME,
JANIE JACKSON!
NOT ONE WORD!
I DON'T WANT
TO KNOW
YOU!**

**WHAT'S WRONG
WITH ALL OF YOU?
YOU AVOID ME AS
IF I WERE
POISON!**

**MAYBE YOU
ARE! YOU AND
YOUR FAMILY
CERTAINLY
HAS US
FOOLED!**

**WHAT
ARE
YOU
TALKING
ABOUT?**

**DON'T TELL ME
YOU DON'T KNOW
ABOUT THIS!**



THERE'S A POLICE DRIVE ON! THEY ROUNDED UP A PACK OF GAMBLERS! WELL, ONE OF THEM TOLD THE TRUTH ABOUT YOUR FATHER! HE SAID HE BRIBED YOUR FATHER PERSONALLY!



BUT IT'S NOT TRUE! MY FATHER HAS FOUGHT CRIME ALL HIS LIFE! WHY SHOULD HE STOP NOW?

THAT'S JUST IT! HE NEVER FOUGHT CRIME! HE ONLY PRETENDED TO! IF HE DID NOTHING WRONG, WHY DID HE RUN AWAY? WHY IS HE HIDING OUT?



IF THE ACCUSATION ISN'T TRUE, WHY DOESN'T HE FACE THE GAMBLER WHO ACCUSED HIM? BECAUSE IT'S TRUE... YOUR FATHER IS A CROOK!



N-NO...IT'S NOT POSSIBLE! NOT MY FATHER! NOT IN A MILLION YEARS!

TEN MINUTES LATER AT THE JACKSON HOME...

MOTHER! I HEARD SOMETHING! THE NEWSPAPERS ARE FULL OF IT! IS IT TRUE-- ABOUT DAD?



I DON'T KNOW, JANIE! I HAVEN'T EVEN HEARD FROM YOUR FATHER! I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHERE HE IS!



BUT IT CAN'T BE TRUE, MOTHER! IT'S GOT TO BE A MISTAKE! FATHER COULDN'T BE INVOLVED WITH THE GAMBLERS! IT WAS HE WHO ORGANIZED THE DRIVE AGAINST THEM!

I--I KNOW, JANIE! I KNOW! BUT WHERE IS HE? IF HE'S INNOCENT WHY IS HE HIDING OUT? (SOB!)



LATER THAT NIGHT... AFTER HOURS OF GLOOMY SILENCE... AS THE PHONE RANG...

CHARLES! WHERE ARE YOU? WHAT'S HAPPENED!



IT'S DAD! I MUST LISTEN IN! I MUST HELP HIM! THERE'S ANOTHER PHONE DOWNSTAIRS!

PARLING! I-I'VE GOT TO TALK FAST! THEY LET ME MAKE THIS CALL! I'M IN TROUBLE, BUT DON'T WORRY! I'LL BE ALL RIGHT!



I-I CAN'T HEAR YOU, CHARLES!
I CAN'T HEAR WHAT YOU'RE
SAYING! WE HAVE A BAD
CONNECTION! GIVE ME
YOUR NUMBER! I'LL
CALL YOU BACK!



ALL RIGHT!
BUT DON'T REVEAL
THIS NUMBER TO
ANYBODY! IT'S
WATERFRONT-7
9810. CALL
ME RIGHT
BACK! IT'S
A PHONE
BOOTH!



WATERFRONT 7-
9810! AS TOMBOY, I CAN
ASK THE POLICE TO TRACE
THAT NUMBER WITHOUT
TELLING 'EM WHAT I
WANT IT FOR!

MINUTE LATER, IN THE PRIVACY
OF JANE JACKSON'S BEDROOM,
AN AMAZING TRANSFORMATION
INTO THE FAMED NEMESIS OF
EVIL... TOMBOY!

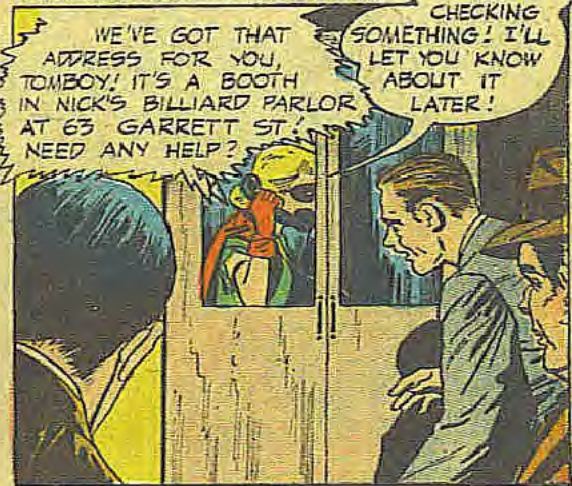


NEVER, IN A MILLION YEARS
DID I EXPECT TO FIND MY
FATHER ON THE OTHER
SIDE OF THE LAW!



BUT I'VE NO
RIGHT TO CONDEMN
HIM TILL I KNOW
THE FACTS! I'VE
GOT TO FIND OUT
THE ADDRESS
OF THAT
PHONE
BOOTH!

FIVE MINUTES LATER, AT A
NEIGHBORHOOD DRUG STORE...



WE'VE GOT THAT
ADDRESS FOR YOU,
TOMBOY! IT'S A BOOTH
IN NICK'S BILLIARD PARLOR
AT 63 GARRETT ST.
NEED ANY HELP?

NO, CAPTAIN!
JUST
CHECKING
SOMETHING! I'LL
LET YOU KNOW
ABOUT IT
LATER!

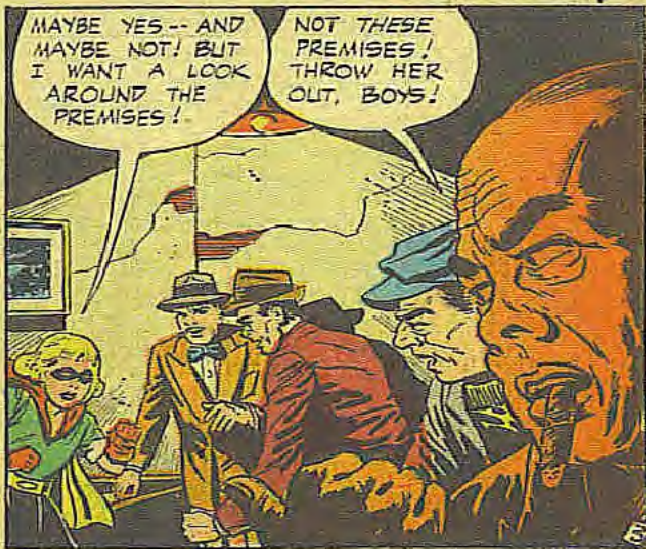


HERE'S 63 GARRETT
STREET. HMM... NICE
BUNCH OF BOYS
HANG OUT HERE!

I'M NICK!
AND I GOT
NOTHIN' TO DO
WITH
TOMBOY!

WHERE'S
NICK?

63



MAYBE YES-- AND
MAYBE NOT! BUT
I WANT A LOOK
AROUND THE
PREMISES!

NOT THESE
PREMISES!
THROW HER
OUT, BOYS!





TO SAVE HER FATHER, THE VALIANT CRIME FIGHTER ALLOWS HERSELF TO BE CAPTURED...



SHORTLY AFTER, AS TOMBOY COMES TO, HER HEAD THROBBING WITH PAIN...





HEY... I HEAR NOISES! WHAT'S GOIN' ON? MPMHH!

NOT A WORD! UNTIE ME AND TAKE ME WHERE BURRIS TOOK LIEUTENANT JACKSON... UNLESS YOU WANT A TEN YEAR JAIL SENTENCE!

OKAY! OKAY!

TWENTY MINUTES LATER, NEAR THE WATERFRONT, AFTER THE HOODLUM HAS TALKED...

SO BURRIS SAW RED WHEN LT. JACKSON MADE IT HOT FOR HIS GAMBLING SYNDICATE! HE DECIDED TO GET EVEN BY FRAMING HIM!

RIGHT! BUT THE PAYOFF IS THIS! NOW THAT BURRIS SMEARED JACKSON GOOD AN' DIRTY, JACKSON WANTS TO GET ON HIS PAYROLL AN' GIVE BURRIS PROTECTION!

AT THE SAME TIME, IN THE SAME BUILDING...

HOLD IT, BOSS! DON'T SHAKE THAT DOUBLE-CROSSER'S HAND! HE'S PLAYIN' A TRICK ON YOU! HE'S PRETENDIN' TO GO CROOKED ONLY TO BUST THE SYNDICATE WIDE OPEN!

IT'S A LIE! YOUR FRAMEUP RUINED ME WITH THE FORCE! I MAY AS WELL GO IN WITH YOU!



BALONEY! THE COPS JUST RAIDED THE POOLROOM WIRE ROOM AN' A DOZEN OTHER BOOKIE ROOMS AROUND TOWN... FROM INFORMATION LT. JACKSON GOT IN NICK'S THIS AFTER-NOON!

OKAY, BURRIS... YOU CAN HAVE IT STRAIGHT NOW... STRAIGHT ON THE JAW!



I WAS PRETENDING TO GO CROOKED-- WITH POLICE COOPERATION! THE FORCE KNOWS ME TOO WELL! THEY CAN SMELL A PHONEY FRAMEUP FROM THE MCCOY! WE DECIDED TO BUST YOU UP FROM INSIDE!

JUMPIN' JUNIPER! I'M JUST IN TIME FOR THE PARTY!



SO YOU'RE ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE LAW, LIEUTENANT?

I ALWAYS WAS, TOMBOY! I COULDN'T EXPLAIN UNTIL I GOT BURRIS DEAD TO RIGHTS!



BY THE WAY... THANKS FOR SHOWING UP IN THE NICK OF TIME! HERE COME THE BOYS!

YOU'RE WELCOME, DA-- ER... I MEAN... LIEUTENANT!

YIPES! I ALMOST GAVE MYSELF AWAY!

THAT NIGHT, AT LT. JACKSON'S HOME...

THAT TOMBOY IS JUST MARVELOUS, JANIE! SOME DAY YOU OUGHT TO MEET HER!

YOU KNOW, DAD, SOMEHOW I FEEL AS IF I KNOW HER ALREADY!



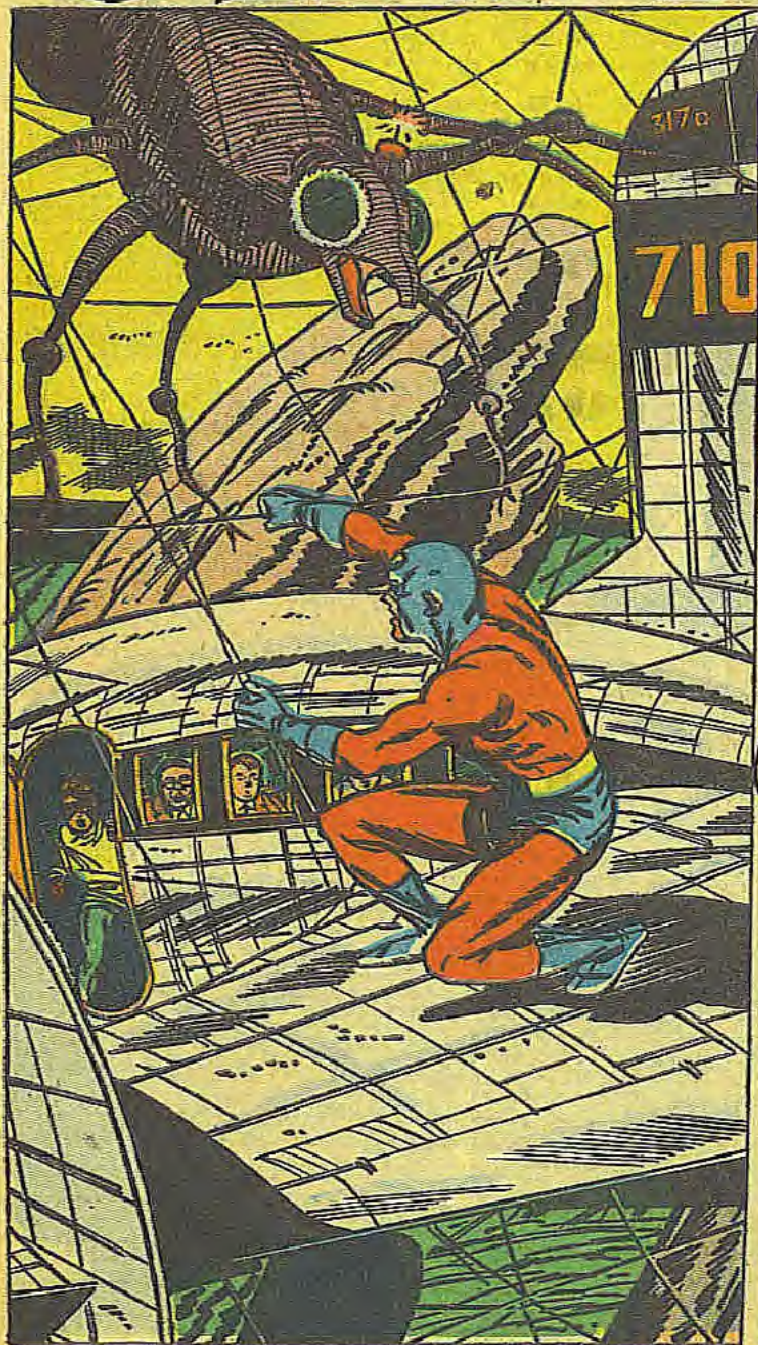
LT. JACKSON WANTED POLICE FULL ARREST TO REPOSE GAMBLER'S SYNDICATE. TOMBOY GIVES JACKSON'S LIFE HIS BROKEN UP

THE END

CAPTAIN FLASH!

What is the answer to the mystery of the missing airliners? When Captain Flash sets forth to solve that fantastic riddle, he finds himself mixed up in a titanic struggle with the evil cunning of an old foe... and the fate of many innocent people hangs on the outcome of a desperate battle in a...

SKY WEB



KEITH SPENCER IS BUSY WITH A PROBLEM OF RADIATION IN HIS LAB AT ATOM CITY, WHEN HIS YOUNG FRIEND, RICKY DAVIS, INTERRUPTS...



"ATTENTION, CAPTAIN FLASH! YOUR HELP IS NEEDED AT ONCE! PLEASE CONTACT JETWAY AIRLINES IN NEW YORK IMMEDIATELY!"





JUST VANISHED?
YOU BETTER TELL
ME THE
WHOLE
STORY!

I'LL TELL
YOU ON THE
WAY... IF
YOU'RE GOING
TO NEW YORK
THAT IS!

OF COURSE I'M GOING!
I'D BETTER PACK A
FEW THINGS AND CALL
THE AIRPORT RIGHT
AWAY!

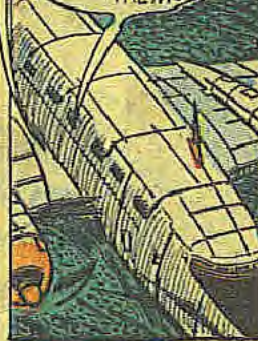
I KNEW THEY
COULD COUNT ON
YOU, KEITH... SO
I'VE ALREADY MADE
RESERVATIONS...
FOR BOTH OF
US! OUR SUIT-
CASES ARE
IN THE CAR!



FIFTEEN MINUTES LATER,
A JETWAY AIRLINER
TAKES OFF FROM ATOM
CITY AIRPORT...

NOW THAT WE'RE ON
OUR WAY, RICKY,
LET'S HEAR ABOUT
THOSE MISSING
PLANES!

THERE IS
NOT MUCH TO TELL,
KEITH! AT FIRST
THE PLANES
WERE THOUGHT
TO HAVE CRASHED,
BUT NO WRECKAGE
WAS FOUND! AND
NOT A SIGN OF
TWO HUNDRED
PASSENGERS--
ANY OF
THEM!

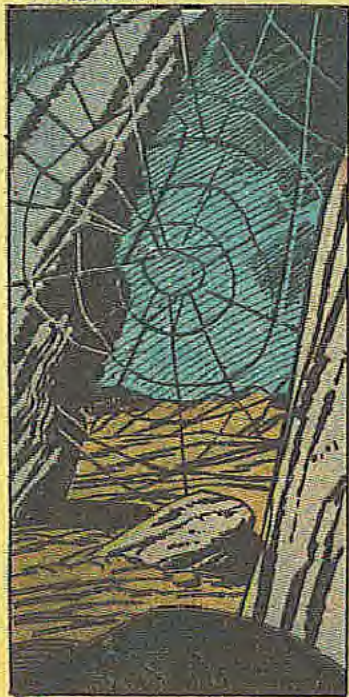


GREAT AIRLINERS CAN'T
JUST DISAPPEAR!
THEY'VE GOT TO BE
SOMEWHERE!

SURE,
BUT
WHERE? THAT'S
WHY JETWAY
HAS SENT FOR
CAPTAIN FLASH!
IF HE CAN'T FIND
THEM, THE
AIRLINE WILL
HAVE TO
DISCONTINUE
SERVICE!

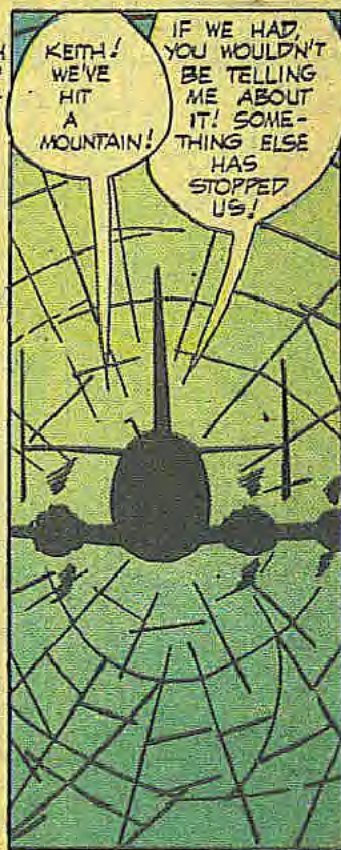


THE ANSWER TO THAT MYSTERY
WILL COME SOONER THAN KEITH
OR RICKY EXPECT. FAR AHEAD
OF THE RACING AIRLINER, AL-
MOST INVISIBLE IN THE DARK
OF NIGHT...



KEITH!
WE'VE
HIT
A
MOUNTAIN!

IF WE HAD
YOU WOULDN'T
BE TELLING
ME ABOUT
IT! SOME-
THING ELSE
HAS
STOPPED
US!



WHILE THOSE ABOARD LIE DAZED,
KEITH SPENCER PREPARES
HIMSELF
FOR ACTION... BY CLAPPING HIS
HANDS!



...AND BECOMES
CAPTAIN
FLASH!



CAPTAIN FLASH...
WE AREN'T
FALLING... I
DON'T
UNDERSTAND!

MAYBE
WE'RE ABOUT
TO LEARN THE
ANSWER TO
THOSE
MISSING AIR-
LINERS, RICKY!

CAN YOU SEE
WHAT'S HOLDING
US UP, FLASH?

WE'RE CAUGHT
IN A SPIDER-
WEB, RICKY...
A WEB OF
FINE STEEL
CABLE! RICKY!
GET BACK
AND CLOSE
THAT
DOOR!!

A MECHANICAL SPIDER,
OPERATED BY REMOTE
CONTROL!

AS CAPTAIN FLASH AND THE SPIDER
ARE LOCKED IN COMBAT...

ROBOTS... GOING UP TO
THE PLANE ... GOT TO
STOP THEM!

THE SPIDER'S THICK STEEL
HIDE AND THE CLUTCHING
LEGS KEEP THE MIGHTY
CAPTAIN FLASH TOO
BUSY TO AID THE
AIRLINE PASSENGERS...

MY ONLY HOPE IS
TO FIND A WEAK
SPOT... IF IT
HAS ONE!

IT HAS
ONE, ALL
RIGHT!

THEY'RE GONE!
VANISHED! THE
PLANE ... AND
THE PASSENGERS!

BUT THE KEEN SIGHT OF
THE CRIME FIGHTER SOON
PICKS UP THE TRAIL...

IT'S A CINCH THEY DIDN'T
EVAPORATE INTO THIN AIR!
THERE MUST BE SOME
SORT OF DOOR LEADING
INSIDE-- BUT I DON'T
HAVE TIME TO FIND IT!

YOUR EVERY MOVE IS BEING WATCHED, CAPTAIN FLASH! GO BACK BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE!

IF YOU KNOW WHO I AM, THEN YOU MUST KNOW NOTHING CAN STOP ME!

NO, NOTHING CAN STOP THIS GALLANT FIGHTER OF RADIATION--NOT EVEN TONS OF ATOM-CHARGED FALLING HEAVY WATER...



NOR THE ROBOT ARMY THAT HAS BEEN SENT OUT TO MEET HIM...



IF I'D KNOWN YOU WERE COMING, I'D HAVE BROUGHT A CAN OPENER!

CLANG!

ROUTING THE ROBOTS, CAPTAIN FLASH REACHES THE TUNNEL'S END, AND THEN BEHOLDS A FANTASTIC SIGHT...



JUMPING JUPITER! A CITY UNDER THE MOUNTAIN!

NOW I'VE GOT THE PICTURE! THE MISSING PASSENGERS HAVE BEEN MADE INTO SLAVES TO HELP BUILD THIS CITY! THERE MUST BE A HUMAN BRAIN BEHIND ALL THIS... SOMEONE WHO CONTROLS THE ROBOTS!

I SEE YOU MADE IT, CAPTAIN FLASH!

A HALF HOUR HAS PASSED, AND AS CAPTAIN FLASH'S POWER CHARGE WEAKENS, HIS ARMS ARE SEIZED FROM BEHIND IN A VISE-LIKE GRIP...

THAT VOICE IS FAMILIAR! WHO ARE YOU?

I AM ONE WHO KNOWS YOUR SECRET, CAPTAIN FLASH... OR IS IT PROFESSOR KEITH SPENCER NOW? THERE, MY PETS HAVE YOU SO YOU CAN'T CLAP YOUR HANDS! SINCE YOU ARE HELPLESS, I'M GOING TO LET YOU SEE WHO YOU ARE UP AGAINST!

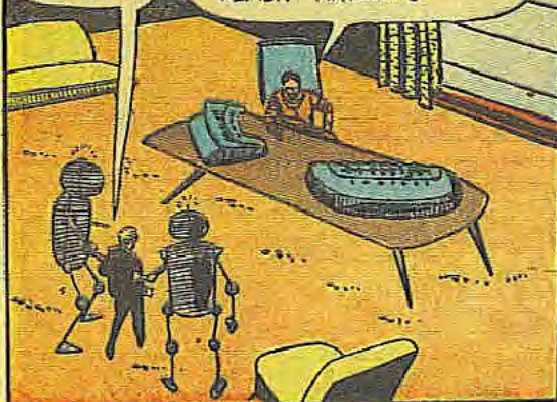
GOOD GOSH-- THEY'VE GOT KEITH! IF I DON'T DO SOMETHING TO HELP HIM WE'RE ALL DOOMED TO LIVE IN THIS CITY THE REST OF OUR LIVES!



FEW MINUTES LATER, KEITH MEETS AN OLD ADVERSARY...

DR. KONRAD KRUEGER! I THOUGHT YOU WERE...

YOU THOUGHT YOU DESTROYED ME LAST TIME WE MET? WELL, NOW YOU SEE I ALMOST AS INDESTRUCTIBLE AS CAPTAIN FLASH HIMSELF!



SO FAR, SO GOOD!

YOU SEE WHAT MIRACLES I'VE CREATED HERE--AN EMPIRE OF MY OWN! I SHALL CONTINUE TO PEOPLE IT WITH CAPTIVES FROM THE OUTER WORLD!

YOU ALWAYS WERE POWER-MAD, KRUEGER! BUT REMEMBER--I FOUND YOU, AND OTHERS WILL FIND YOU, TOO!



OTHERS? BAH! THE WORLD IS FULL OF FOOLS! BUT YOU, PROFESSOR, YOU ARE BRILLIANT AND YOU HAVE THE POWER OF CAPTAIN FLASH! WE COULD RULE THIS EMPIRE TOGETHER... YOUR HIDDEN MIGHT... MY GENIUS!

AN EVIL GENIUS! NO, KRUEGER, THIS EMPIRE WILL CRUMBLE INTO DUST BEFORE I EVER JOIN FORCES WITH YOU!



RICKY, UNNOTICED BY KRUEGER, UNTIL TOO LATE, LUNGES FOR THE INSTRUMENT PANEL ON THE DESK! THE ROBOTS, AT ONCE RELEASE KEITH...

NO! DON'T!

GOOD BOY, RICKY! MY HANDS ARE FREE!

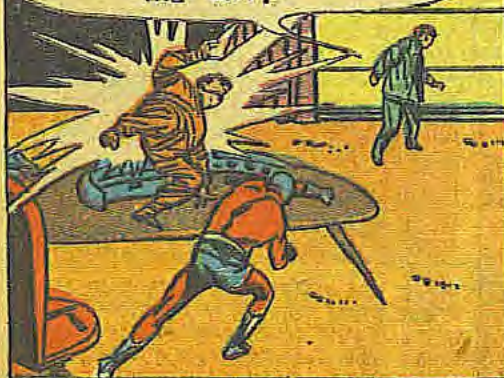


YOU'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO HELP MY SLAVES ESCAPE! I'LL HAVE MY ROBOTS DESTROY THEM ALL!



CAPTAIN FLASH MOVES WITH TWICE THE SPEED OF LIGHT, AND HIS FIST MAKES CONTACT! THE WOULD-BE EMPEROR SMASHES INTO THE INSTRUMENT PANEL...

THE ROBOTS ARE OUT OF CONTROL! THEY'RE RUNNING WILD THROUGH THE CITY!



SUDDENLY, THE ENTIRE MOUNTAIN TREMBLES, AND GREAT FISSURES OPEN IN THE GROUND! THE SLAVES FLEE FOR THEIR LIVES...

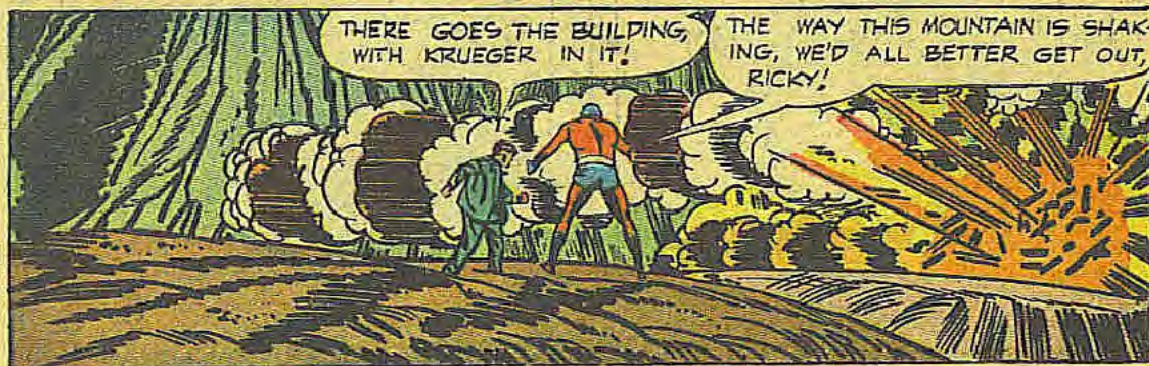
IT'S AN EARTHQUAKE!





THE SMASHED INSTRUMENT PANEL...IT HAS STARTED A SUBTERRANEAN CATACLYSM! MY EMPIRE IS CRUMBLING!

YOU'D BETTER GET OUT, KRUEGER, BEFORE IT TUMBLES DOWN ON TOP OF YOU!



THERE GOES THE BUILDING, WITH KRUEGER IN IT!

THE WAY THIS MOUNTAIN IS SHAKING, WE'D ALL BETTER GET OUT, RICKY!



CAPTAIN FLASH... WE'LL NEVER GET OUT OF THIS TUNNEL IN TIME!

MAYBE NOT... BUT I'M GOING TO GIVE IT A GOOD TRY, ANYHOW!

CAPTAIN FLASH RACES BACK THROUGH THE TUNNEL AGAIN AND AGAIN, CARRYING OUT THE HELPLESS SLAVES, UNTIL, AT LONG LAST...



TERRIFIC, CAPTAIN FLASH, YOU'VE SAVED EVERY LAST ONE OF THEM!

AS THE FIRST STREAKS OF MORNING FLOOD THE VALLEY...

TEN MINUTES LATER...

SEVERAL DAYS LATER, AT PROFESSOR KEITH SPENCER'S LAB...



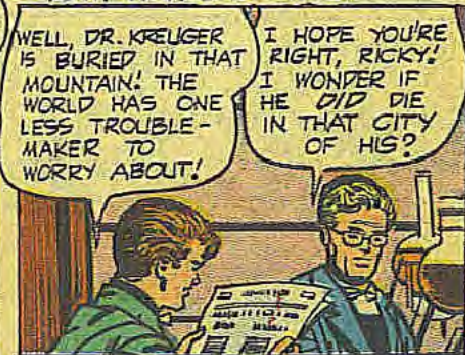
WILL YOU LOOK AT THAT...THAT MOUNTAIN DOWN THERE! IT'S CAVING IN AND THERE ARE HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE LAND ON THE FLOOR OF THAT VALLEY!

HANG ON TO YOUR HAT CHARLIE! I'M GOING TO TRY TO LAND ON THE FLOOR OF THAT VALLEY!



THERE WASN'T TIME TO SAVE THE SEVEN JETWAY AIRLINERS, BUT NOT ONE PASSENGER LOST HIS LIFE!

THANKS TO YOU, CAPTAIN FLASH!



WELL, DR. KRUEGER IS BURIED IN THAT MOUNTAIN! THE WORLD HAS ONE LESS TROUBLE-MAKER TO WORRY ABOUT!

I HOPE YOU'RE RIGHT, RICKY! I WONDER IF HE DID DIE IN THAT CITY OF HIS?

DO YOU THINK THE WILY SCIENTIST ESCAPED FROM THE DEATH TRAP? THE ANSWER MAY APPEAR IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF CAPTAIN FLASH! WATCH FOR IT AT YOUR NEWSSTAND!

